



FINAL MINUTES

Water Supply Planning Committee of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District *March 28, 2019*

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

Committee members present: Gary Hoffmann, P.E. - Committee Chair
Jeanne Byrne
George Riley

Committee members absent: None

Staff members present: David J. Stoldt, General Manager
Larry Hampson, Water Resources & Engineering
Manager/District Engineer
Arlene Tavani, Executive Assistant
Stephanie Locke, Water Demand Manager
Beverly Chaney, Associate Fisheries Biologist
Maureen Hamilton, Water Resources Engineer

District Counsel present David Laredo

Comments from the Public: No comments.

Action Items

- 1. Consider Adoption of October 16, 2018 Committee Meeting Minutes**
Director Byrne moved approval and stated that she had no objections to the minutes. Director Riley seconded the motion and they were adopted on a vote of 3 – 0 by Byrne, Riley and Hoffmann. No comments were directed to the committee during the public comment period on this item.
- 2. Adopt 2019 Committee Meeting Schedule**
On a motion by Director Riley and second of Director Byrne, the proposed meeting schedule was approved with a change to the meeting start times from 10:30 am to 10:00 am. The motion was approved on a vote of 3 – 0 by Riley, Byrne and Hoffmann.

Discussion Items

- 3. Discuss Status of Ryan Ranch Unit of California American Water and Use of Emergency Intertie between the Bishop and Ryan Ranch Units**
Stephanie Locke briefly summarized information provided in the staff report. She explained that the District has given California American Water (Cal-Am) thirty days

to rehabilitate its Ryan Ranch wells in order to meet adequate production levels to serve the Ryan Ranch system. If Cal-Am cannot meet that requirement, the District will recommend that the Bishop and Ryan Ranch systems be combined. District Counsel Laredo stated that if Cal-Am does not solve this situation, the issue will be brought to the Board of Directors to determine what action should be taken.

Alissa Kispersky, Project Engineer for Cal-Am, addressed the committee. She distributed a schedule for completion of the Ryan Ranch Well #7 rehabilitation project. Ms. Kispersky explained that rehabilitation of Well No. 7 should be completed within two weeks. In addition, the water treatment plant should be fully functional within two weeks. She expected that Well No. 7 could produce 100 gallons per minute; however, 71 gallons per minute would be sufficient to meet the maximum daily system demand. Well No. 11 would be rehabilitated if Well No. 7 does not have adequate capacity to meet system demand.

4. Discuss Hastings Reservation Ford Removal from Finch Creek

Beverly Chaney summarized information provided in the staff note. She explained that nine of the twelve fish passage barriers identified by District staff were scheduled for removal. Staff proposed that the District should consider participation in funding the removal of the ford at U.C. Berkeley's Hastings Natural History Reservation on Finch Creek, although it is outside the District's boundaries.

A representative from the Hastings Natural History Reservation, Jennifer S. Hunter, Resident Director, addressed the committee. She stated that U.C. Berkeley does not have sufficient funds to complete ford removal and suggested that a cooperative funding arrangement might be developed between the California State Coastal Conservancy, the MPWMD and the university. Surveying and other design work might be undertaken by Berkeley students.

There was consensus among the committee members that staff should bring a proposal to the committee for review with a budget and confirmation of project partners.

5. Update on Los Padres Dam Alternatives Study

Larry Hampson reviewed the current status of the Los Padres Dam Alternatives Study and reviewed the list of additional studies the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has proposed for completion at an estimated cost of approximately \$2 million. The NMFS would also like Cal-Am to complete other work regarding fish passage for a total of approximately \$5 million. Cal-Am could include funding for completion of these studies and fish passage work in its general rate case for 2021-2023. It is not yet clear if the District or Cal-Am would be responsible for completion of this work, if Cal-Am includes those costs in the rate case. Mr. Hampson noted that the State of California has not listed steelhead as endangered; however, the Federal government has and is therefore responsible for protection of the species.

6. Update on ASR Construction

Maureen Hamilton reported that expansion of the backflush basin at the Santa Margarita ASR site is complete. Design of the new water treatment facility is

underway, and CEQA review for that project should be considered by the Board of Directors in July 2019.

7. Update on Pure Water Monterey Project

No report.

8. Update on Pure Water Monterey Water Purchase Agreement Requirements

Mr. Stoldt reminded the committee that the first 1,000 acre-feet of water produced by the project must be purchased by the District as an Operating Reserve at a cost of \$2 million.

9. Water Supply Charge and User Fee – Citizen Oversight Panel Discussion

Mr. Stoldt reported that the Ordinance 152 Oversight Panel has recommended the following: (a) the Water Supply Charge should not fund Measure J/Rule 19.8 activities; (b) sunset the water supply charge and/or the user fee; and (c) prioritize payment of the Rabobank loan.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

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